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SUMMARY. NCNA HAS GIVEN UNUSUAL ATTENTION TO A COMMUNIST PARTY
OF THAILAND (CPT) DECEMBER 1 ANNIVERSARY STATEMENT STRESSING
ARMED STRUGGLE AND CONTAINING A REFERENCE TO "DRIVE AWAY
THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS." CARRYING LAST AUGUST'S TREND OF
SUPPORTING CPT PRONOUNCEMENTS ON ARMED STRUGGLE FURTHER, NCNA
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HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME PUBLICIZE PARTY OF A 1972 TEN -POINT CPT

POLICY STATEMENT THAT APPARENTLY REAFFIRMS ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE CORRECT POLICY AND LINE. THE REASONS FOR THE NCNA MOVE ARE NOT CLEAR BUT IS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE CURRENT DOMESTIC POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN CHINA AND POSSIBLY TO A PEKING EFFORT TO IMPROVE ITS LEVERAGE RE RTG-PRC BILATERAL ISSUES.
END SUMMARY

1. UNLIKE LAST YEAR WHEN PRC MEDIA FAILED TO COMMEMORATE THE DECEMBER 1 FOUNDING DATE OF THE CPT WITH ANY COVERAGE OF THE EVENT, NCNA (DECEMBER 9) GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE (NCNA BROADCAST IN ENGLISH, REGULAR NCNA SERVICE, HONG KONG PRC-OWNED PRESS) TO THIS YEAR'S 32ND CPT ANNIVERSARY STATEMENT AS BROADCAST BY VOICE OF THE THAI PEOPLE (VPT). NCNA TREATMENT WAS SIGNIFICANT FOR THE LENGTH OF THE STATEMENT, THE STRESS ON ARMED STRUGGLE AND THE NEGATIVE REFERENCE TO THE "U.S. IMPERIALISTS".

2. THE LONG CPT STATEMENT LED OFF BY ECHOING PEKING'S WORLD VIEW THAT CURRENT INTERNATIONAL TURBULENCE IS AN "EXCELLENT" SITUATION, WITH SOCIALIST AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES GAINING STRENGTH AND INFLUENCE AS THE TWO CONTENDING SUPERPOWERS AND THEIR "SATELLITES" DECLINE. ASSERTING THAT "REVOLUTION IS THE MAIN TREND IN THE WORLD TODAY" AND THAT CLASS AND NATIONAL STRUGGLE IN THAILAND HAD "BECOME MORE ACUTE" IN THE PAST YEAR, THE STATEMENT DESCRIBED THE "RESOLUTE STRUGGLE" OF VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE THAI PEOPLE AGAINST ECONOMIC AND RACIAL OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION OF "BIG CAPITALISTS AND FOREIGN MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS" AND "THE REACTIONARY GOVERNMENT." IN CHRONICLING THE STRUGGLE EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE, THE STATEMENT INTERESTINGLY ADDS "AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HAVE DEMANDED CONTACTS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA".

3. TURNING TO ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE THAI PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES "IN WIDE GUERRILLA AREAS AND REVOLUTIONARY BASES" THE STATEMENT CLAIMED SUCCESSIVE VICTORIES AND FURTHER EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT. IT CONTINUED THAT THE "CORRECT LINE AND POLICY" FOR "COMPLETELY SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE" WAS "LAID DOWN IN THE TEN-POINT POLICY AND DECLARATION ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARTY". HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE IS SAID TO HAVE SHOWN THAT "ONLY BY TAKING THE ROAD OF SEIZING POWER
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BY ARMED FORCE, I.E. TO USE THE COUNTRYSIDE TO ENCIRCLE THE CITIES, TO TAKE ARMED STRUGGLE IN RURAL VILLAGES AS THE MAIN FORM OF STRUGGLE WHILE COMBINING WITH OTHER STRUGGLES, CAN WE DRIVE AWAY THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS, OVERTHROW THE REACTIONARY GOVERNMENT, ESTABLISH THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT AND CARRY OUT A POLICY OF GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY". ENUMERATING VARIOUS TASKS FOR THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE, THE STATEMENT STATES THAT THE CPT SEEKS TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER

POLITICAL PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONAGES SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE BUT STRESSES ALL GROUPS AND PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES SHOULD UNITE. STATEMENT CONCLUDES " A NEW INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC AND PROSPEROUS THAILAND WILL SURELY BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES."

4. COMMENT. LAST AUGUST NCNA EVINced STIFFER OPEN SUPPORT OF THE CPT ARMED STRUGGLE BY CARRYING TWO UPBEAT VPT ARTICLES ON THE INSURGENCY WHICH, DEPARTING FROM PATTERN, ATTACKED "SANYA AUTHORITIES " DIRECTLY (REFTEL). THE CURRENT EMPHASIS ON THE CORRECTNESS OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE POLICY AND REFERENCE TO "DRIVE AWAY THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS" PUSHES THE TREND CONSIDERABLY FURTHER.

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5. PRC MEDIA ATTACKS AGAINST THE U.S. IN THE CONTEXT OF THAILAND AND THE INSURGENCY HAD NOT APPEARED SINCE NCNA IN DECEMBER 1972 CARRIED EXCERPTS OF A VPT COMMEMORATIVE 30TH ANNIVERSARY ARTICLE. FROM THEN UNTIL NOW NO DIRECT ATTACK AGAINST THE U.S. PRESENCE IN THAILAND HAD APPEARED IN PRC MEDIA. EVEN WHEN POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS TOPPLED THE THANOM-PRAPHAT GOVERNMENT IN OCTOBER 1973, PRC MEDIA (IN MARKED CONTRAST TO HANOI) CARRIED BASICALLY STRAIGHT REPORTING OF DEVELOPMENTS WITHOUT LINKING THEM EITHER TO THE U.S. OR CPT LEADERSHIP. THUS NCNA'S CURRENT TREATMENT OF THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION REVERTS BACK TO THE 1971 TO 1972 PRC COVERAGE WHEN CPT PRONOUNCEMENTS CALLING FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPULSION OF THE U.S. AS AN OBJECTIVE WERE REPLAYED. STRIKINGLY PRC MEDIA NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME HAS PUBLICIZED PARTS OF THE TEN-POINT CPT POLICY AND DECLARATION LAID DOWN AT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY AFFIRMING THE ARMED STRUGGLE POLICY AND THE EXPLICIT EXPULSION OF THE U.S.

6. WHY THE CHINESE HAVE CHOSED ONLY NOW TO PUBLICIZE THESE PARTS OF A 1972 DOCUMENT IS NOT CLEAR. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL WE BELIEVE THE STRONGER PRC OPEN SUPPORT OF ARMED STRUGGLE MAY BE A REFLECTION OF THE LEFTIST PUSHED CURRENT PRC DOMESTIC POLITICAL MOVEMENT. CONCEIVABLY DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE CPT ITSELF OVER THE ISSUE OF ARMED STRUGGLE PERHAPS RELATED TO HANOI'S NOVEMBER 27 DEMAND FOR REMOVAL OF U.S. MILITARY FROM THAILAND AS CONDITION FOR NORMALIZATION (SAIGON 15178), MAY HAVE IMPELLED THE PRC SHIFT TOWARDS STRONGER PROPAGANDA SUPPORT. ADDITIONALLY THE POSSIBILITY CONTINUES TO EXIST THAT PEKING IS SEEKING TO IMPROVE ITS POLITICAL LEVERAGE VIS-A-VIS THE RTG WITH THE AIM OF QUICKENING THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS PACE. WE NOTE EMBASSY BANGKOK'S VIEW THAT THE RECENT THAI PASSAGE OF THE STATE OPERATED TRADING BILL SHOULD NOT PLEASE THE PRC BECAUSE IT COMPLICATES SINO-THAI TRADE (BANGKOK 18804). WITH AN RTG TRADE MISSION ABOUT TO ARRIVE IN CHINA, PEKING MIGHT SEE SOME TACTICAL ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED FROM ITS LATEST CPT GESTURE.
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